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SUBJECT: ILO - CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS

DEPT HAS RECEIVED COPIES OF FOLLOWING LETTERS URGING US NOT TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO.

1. AUGUST 3, 1977, TO PRESIDENT CARTER, SIGNED BY SENATORS HUMPHREY, PERCY AND JAVITS:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

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WE READ WITH GREAT INTEREST YOUR MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY ADDRESS AT NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY LAST MAY 22. IN THAT SPEECH, YOU "REAFFIRMED AMERICA'S COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AS A FUNDAMENTAL TENET OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY," SAID THAT "OUR POLICY MUST REACH OUT TO THE DEVELOPING NATIONS TO ALLEVIATE SUFFERING AND TO REDUCE THE CHASM BETWEEN THE WORLD'S RICH AND POOR," AND FURTHER THAT "WE CAN NO LONGER EXPECT THAT THE OTHER 150 NATIONS WILL FOLLOW THE DICTATES OF THE POWERFUL, BUT WE MUST CONTINUE--CONFIDENTLY--OUR EFFORTS TO INSPIRE, AND TO PERSUADE, AND TO LEAD."

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WE AGREE WITH ALL OF THESE STATEMENTS.

WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT A DECISION TO WITHDRAW THE UNITED STATES FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION WOULD BE CONTRARY TO YOUR STATEMENTS AT NOTRE DAME, INIMICAL TO THE LONG RANGE FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS LEADERSHIP POSITION IN THE WORLD AND AGAINST THE 3ROAD POLICY LINES WHICH YOU LAID DOWN IN YOUR SPEECH TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON MARCH 17.

ON NOVEMBER 6, 1975, SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER WROTE TO THE ILO SAYING, "THIS LETTER CONSTITUTES NOTICE OF THE INTENTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO WITHDRAW FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION." INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, THE LETTER WENT ON TO SAY, "THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT DESIRE TO LEAVE ILO. THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT EXPECT TO DO SO. WE DOINTEND TO MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO PROMOTE THE CONDITIONS WHICH WILL FACILITATE OUR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION."

THE ILO CONSTITUTION REQUIRES A MEMBER STATE TO GIVE TWO YEARS NOTICE OF ITS INTENTION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ORGANIZA-

TION. IF YOU TAKE NO ACTION TO CANCEL THE 1975 LETTER, THE UNITED STATES WILL CEASE TO REMAIN A MEMBER OF THE OLDEST SPECIALIZED AGENCY IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, AS OF NOVEMBER 6 OF THIS YEAR.

BEFORE MAKING YOUR FINAL DECISION, WE URGE YOU TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING MATTERS INTO CONSIDERATION:

1. HUMAN RIGHTS

ILO IS AN INSTITUTION WHICH HAS A WORKABLE MECHANISM THAT ACTUALLY BRINGS ABOUT LEGISLATIVE CHANGE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS. THIS MECHANISM IS TRIPARTITE (WORKERS, EMPLOYERS AND GOVERNMENTS) IN CHARACTER AND CELEBRATED ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR. IN 1976 45 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES CHANGED 80 PIECES OF NATIONAL LEGISLATION AS A RESULT OF ILO PRESSURE AND BROUGHT THAT LEGISLATION INTO LINE WITH ILO SOCIAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS. IN 1975, 55 COUNTRIES AMENDED 94 PIECES OF LEGISLATION. OVER THE PAST 14 YEARS, APPROXIMATELY 1,100 NATIONAL LAWS WERE CHANGED BECAUSE OF THE ILO. IN 1969, ILO RECEIVED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR ITS WORK IN HUMAN RIGHTS. WE SHOULD NOT GIVE UP SUCH AN EFFECTIVE FORUM AS THE ILO WHEN IT IS, IN FACT, SO EFFICIENTLY PERFORMING THE VERY TASKS IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH YOU ARE URGING SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT.

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2. BASIC NEEDS

ON MARCH 17, WHEN YOU SPOKE AT THE UNITED NATIONS, YOU SAID, "THE UNITED STATES WILL BE ADVANCING PROPOSALS AIMED AT MEETING THE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD AND HELPING THEM TO INCREASE THEIR PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY." ILO DEVELOPED, OVER THE PAST 8 YEARS, A BASIC NEEDS STRATEGY DESIGNED TO HELP THE POOR OF THE WORLD. THIS STRATEGY WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED AT THE ILO'S WORLD EMPLOYMENT CON-
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FERENCE IN JUNE OF LAST YEAR. SINCE THEN, THIS DEVELOPMENT THESIS HAS BEEN STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE WORLD BANK AND AT LAST MONTH'S OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING. BOTH GOVERNOR GILLIGAN AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG SPOKE AT DIFFERENT UN MEETINGS IN GENEVA RECENTLY AND SAID THE US STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE BASIC NEEDS CONCEPT. IN 1975, WE IN THE CONGRESS RESHAPED THE US BILATERAL AID PROGRAM IN ORDER TO DIRECT THAT ASSISTANCE TO THE POOR OF THE WORLD. WE HAVE BEEN PLEASED TO SEE OUR IDEA PUSHED SO AGGRESSIVELY AND SO SUCCESSFULLY BY ILO ON A GLOBAL BASIS. IT WOULD SEEM TO US TO BE A MISTAKE FOR THE UNITED STATES TO ABANDON THE ORGANIZATION MAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

3. ISRAEL

THERE HAS BEEN JUSTIFIED CRITICISM OF THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE ILO CONFERENCE IN 1974 WHEN IT ADOPTED A RESOLUTION CRITICIZING ISRAEL'S HANDLING OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WITHOUT FOLLOWING ILO INVESTIGATIVE PROCEDURES. AS YOU ARE AWARE, HOWEVER, ILO HAS HELD FOUR WORLD CONFERENCES IN THE PAST 14 MONTHS AND NOT ONE OF THESE CONFERENCES HAS ADOPTED ANY RESOLUTION CONCERNING ISRAEL, OR ZIONISM, OR THE MIDDLE EAST. ISRAEL HAS NOT GIVEN NOTICE OF ITS INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO NOR HAS IT TAKEN A POSITION IN FAVOR OF US WITHDRAWAL. IN FACT, IN JUNE, 1975, AN ISRAELI WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVE WAS ELECTED TO THE ILO GOVERNING BODY FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM. IN NOVEMBER, 1976, ISRAEL WAS ELECTED TO A SEAT ON 5 OF THE ILO'S 10 INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEES WHICH DEAL WITH SUCH SUBJECTS AS TEXTILES, CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, INLAND TRANSPORT, ETC.

4. US ALLIES
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A MAJOR US OBJECTIVE IN ILO OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS HAS BEEN TO ENSURE THAT ITS "NATURAL ALLIES" WOULD STAND TOGETHER WITH THE UNITED STATES ON POLITICAL ISSUES WHICH MIGHT ARISE IN ILO. THIS OBJECTIVE HAS BEEN CLEARLY

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ACHIEVED. AGAIN AND AGAIN, OECD COUNTRIES HAVE SPOKEN OUT IN SUPPORT OF UNITED STATES POSITIONS AND HAVE VOTED IN THE SAME FASHION. AS RECENTLY AS JULY 12, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE EEC ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD MAKE A JOINT PLEA TO

THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT THE UNITED STATES REMAIN IN ILO. (THEY BELIEVE THAT A US WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO MIGHT LEAD ULTIMATELY TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS) CERTAINLY, IF THE UNITED STATES LEAVES, MANY OF OUR SUPPORTERS AND ALLIES AT ILO WILL FEEL AS THOUGH THEY ARE BEING DESERTED.

5. TRIPARTISM

THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT A WEAKENING OF TRIPARTISM. IN FACT, MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THIS AREA. IN 1976, THE ILO CONFERENCE ADOPTED AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON TRIPARTITE CONSULTATION, WHICH CALLED FOR THE ADOPTION OF NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY BY MEMBER STATES TO STRENGTHEN THE TRIPARTITE MECHANISM. THE US WORKER DELEGATE TO THE GOVERNING BODY WAS ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF THE 1977 CONFERENCE. A STRONG RESOLUTION ON TRIPARTISM WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THAT SAME CONFERENCE. THE CANADIAN WORKER SPOKESMAN IN THE GOVERNING BODY WAS ELECTED, ON JUNE 23, TO BE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING BODY, THE FIRST TIME IN ILO HISTORY THAT SOMEONE OTHER THAN A GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE HAS BEEN SO HONORED.

6. STRUCTURE

THE WORD "STRUCTURE" IS SHORT-HAND FOR AN ATTEMPT BY THE CONFIDENTIAL

NEWER ILO MEMBERS FROM THE THIRD WORLD TO INCREASE THEIR POWER AND INFLUENCE IN THE DECISION-MAKING ORGANS OF THE 58-YEAR-OLD ILO. DURING THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE, THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION URGED AN AMENDMENT TO ILO'S PROCEDURES WHICH THE THIRD WORLD AGREED TO TALK ABOUT ON CONDITION THAT THEIR AMENDMENTS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION REFUSED THIS REQUEST AND, THEREFORE, WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL IN ACHIEVING ITS IMMEDIATE GOAL. THE CONFERENCE DID AGREE, HOWEVER, TO SET UP A SPECIAL WORKING PARTY TO DISCUSS THE ENTIRE "STRUCTURE" PROBLEM AND REPORT BACK TO THE ILO CONFERENCE NEXT JUNE. THE UNITED STATES DELEGATE, IN PLENARY, STATED THAT THE UNITED STATES "DISASSOCIATED ITSELF FROM THE REPORT," EVEN THOUGH THIS MEANT THAT THE DELEGATION, BY THIS STATEMENT, ISOLATED ITSELF FROM ALL OTHER MEMBER STATES.

IN CONCLUSION, MR. PRESIDENT, WE BELIEVE THAT THE US NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL HAS CERTAINLY HAD A HEALTHY IMPACT ON MEMBER STATES AS WELL AS ON ILO ITSELF. THE SITUATION WHICH

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THE UNITED STATES COMPLAINED ABOUT IN THE KISSINGER LETTER HAS IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY. ILO IS BY NO MEANS PERFECT BUT MUCH THAT IS FAVORABLE TO THE US POSITION HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PAST 21 MONTHS.

WE BELIEVE THAT A US WITHDRAWAL WOULD HAVE A MAJOR NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES, WOULD BE CONSTRUED BY MANY AS A TREND TOWARDS ISOLATIONISM AND WOULD BE CONSIDERED TO BE INCONSISTENT WITH YOUR FREQUENTLY STATED OBJECTIVES IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS. A US DEPARTURE WOULD ALSO SERIOUSLY CRIPPLE ILO AND GRADUALLY ENABLE IT TO BE DOMINATED BY FORCES UNFRIENDLY TO THE UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES.

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FOR ALL THESE REASONS, WE DO BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD REMAIN IN ILO, SHOULD FIGHT THERE FOR ITS BELIEFS AND SHOULD TRY TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE ORGANIZATION, ITS AIMS AND OBJECTIVES, THROUGH AN EVEN MORE ACTIVE AND POSITIVE LEADERSHIP ROLE THAN WE HAVE PLAYED IN THE PAST.

RESPECTFULLY,

HUMBERT H. HUMPHREY

2. AUGUST 1 LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER SIGNED BY CONGRESSPERSONS FRASER, FENWICK AND THIRTY-FOUR OTHERS

DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

THE UNITED STATES IS FACED WITH A SERIOUS FOREIGN POLICY DECISION: TO WITHDRAW OR NOT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION (ILO). WE JOINED ILO IN 1934 WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT, THE US SENATE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND AMERICAN LABOR.

WITHIN A MATTER OF WEEKS, THE UNITED STATES WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO NOTIFY THE ILO OF OUR WITHDRAWAL EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER, 1977, AS CALLED FOR IN FORMER SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LETTER OF NOVEMBER, 1975. A DECISION TO WITHDRAW WOULD BE HISTORIC, PRECEDENT-SETTING, AND HAVE SERIOUS, ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE UNITED STATES. WE URGE YOU TO FIND A WAY NOT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO AT THIS TIME. OUR REASONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST, THE ILO HAS MADE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LABOR THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. FOR THIS CONTRIBUTION, ILO WAS AWARDED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE IN 1969. WE SHOULD NOT LOSE SIGHT OF ILO'S ROLE IN PROMOTING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL

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JUSTICE OR OF ITS UNIQUE MACHINERY FOR IMPLEMENTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS IT HAS ADOPTED. THERE IS NO SIMILAR HUMAN RIGHTS MACHINERY IN THE UN SYSTEM; ILO'S NEEDS TO BE STRENGTHENED RATHER THAN ABANDONED.

SECOND, IMPROVING LABOR STANDARDS IN NATIONS AROUND THE WORLD IS AN IMPORTANT CONCERN WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. THE ILO'S FUNCTION OF PROMOTING AGREEMENT ON WAYS AND MEANS TO RAISE LABOR STANDARDS MAKES IT THE PRINCIPAL WORLD ORGANIZATION FOR CARRYING OUT THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE ON THIS CRITICAL SUBJECT. KISSINGER'S 1975 LETTER OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO WAS WRITTEN WHILE CONFRONTATION PREDOMINATED BETWEEN THE NORTH AND SOUTH. SINCE THEN US POLICY HAS MOVED TOWARD PROMOTING DIALOGUE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

PRIOR TO THE JUNE, 1977 CONFERENCE, US REPRESENTATIVES CONSULTED EXTENSIVELY WITH OUR ALLIES AND WITH THIRD WORLD MINISTERS OF LABOR. THESE EFFORTS WERE NOT SUFFICIENT TO ACCOMPLISH CERTAIN REFORMS AT THE ILO JUNE CONFERENCE; HOWEVER, THIS CONSULTATION WITH WESTERN ALLIES AND DEVELOPING STATES HAS CONTINUED IN GENEVA FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE. OUR ALLIES WANT THE US TO REMAIN IN ILO; THEY HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO WORK WITH US TO PROMOTE THE REFORMS THAT WE SEEK IN THE ILO.

CLEARLY, THE EMERGING AREAS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND SOME OF THE DEVELOPING STATES ON THE ILO IS SIGNIFICANT. THIS COOPERATION SHOULD BE TESTED IN THE ILO, PARTICULARLY AT THE NOVEMBER AND MARCH MEETINGS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD AND AT THE JUNE 1978 ILO CONFERENCE. IT SEEMS TO US, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THE US SHOULD NOT WITHDRAW AT THIS TIME FROM THE ILO.

THIRD, THE US CONTINUES TO SEEK A SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. BY WITHDRAWING AT THIS TIME FROM THE ILO, THE US WILL ONLY ISOLATE ISRAEL. ISRAEL HAS NOT WITHDRAWN FROM ILO DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE ACTIONS TAKEN AT THE ILO CONFERENCE IN 1975 WERE DIRECTED AGAINST IT.

FOR THESE REASONS, MR. PRESIDENT, WE URGE THAT YOU FIND A WAY NOT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO AT THIS TIME. WE REQUEST THAT YOU CONSULT WITH CONGRESS PRIOR TO MAKING THE FINAL DECISION ON ILO.

SINCERELY,

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THE LETTER HAS BEEN SIGNED BY:

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BERKELEY BEDELL-DEMOCRAT-IOWA
DAVID BONIOR-DEMOCRAT-MICHIGAN
BOB CARR-DEMOCRAT-MICHIGAN
SYLVIA CONTI-REPUBLICAN-MASSACHUSETTS
CHARLES DIGGS-DEMOCRAT-MICHIGAN
ROBERT DRINAN-DEMOCRAT-MASSACHUSETTS
DON EDWARDS-DEOMCRAT-CALIFORNIA
DANTE FASCELL-DEMOCRAT-FLORIDA
JOSEPH FISHER-DEMOCRAT-VIRGINIA
LEE HAMILTON-DEMOCRAT-INDIANA
JAMES HOWARD-DEMOCRAT-NEW JERSEY
JAMES JEFFORDS-REPUBLICAN-VERMONT
JOHN JENNRENETT-DEMOCRAT-SOUTH CAROLINA
ROBERT KASTENMEIER-DEMOCRAT-WISCONSIN
MARTHA KEYS-DEMOCRAT-KANSAS
WILLIAM LEHMAN-DEMOCRAT-FLORIDA
HELEN MEYNER-DEMOCRAT-NEW YORK
PARREN MITCHELL-DEMOCRAT-MARYLAND
WILLIAM MOOREHEAD-DEMOCRAT-PENNSYLVANIA
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AUSTIN MURPHY-DEMOCRAT-PENNSYLVANIA
LUCIEN NEDZI-DEMOCRAT-MICHIGAN
CHARLES RANGEL-DEMOCRAT-NEW YORK
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PAUL SIMON-DEMOCRAT-ILLINIOS
FORTNEY STARK DEMOCRAT-CALIFORNIA
NEWTON STEERS-REPUBLICAN-MARYLAND
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BRUCE VENTO-DEMOCRAT-MINNESOTA
DOUG WALGREN-DEMOCRAT-PENNSYLVANIA
TED WEISS-DEMOCRAT-NEW YORK
CHARLES WHALEN-REPUBLICAN-OHIO

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3. THE LIST INCLUDES MANY KEY CONGRESSMEN TO WHOM THEIR COLLEAGUES WOULD LOOK FOR GUIDANCE ON THIS ISSUE. FRANK THOMPSON IS CHAIRMAN OF THE LABOR/MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE, MORRIS UDALL IS CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERIOR, HENRY REUSS IS CHAIRMAN OF BANKING AND CURRENCY, DANTE FASCELL IS THE SECOND RANKING MEMBER OF HIRC AND SYLVIO CONTE IS THE THIRD RANKING REPUBLICAN ON APPROPRIATIONS AND ON THE FOREIGN OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE AND A VERY INFLUENTIAL HOUSE LEADER AMONG LIBERALS OF BOTH PARTIES. THE LIST ALSO INCLUDES OTHER HIGHLY RESPECTED MEMBERS SUCH AS LEE HAMILTON.

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NOTABLE NON-SIGNERS INCLUDE JACK BINGHAM, SOLARZ AND ROSENTHAL FROM THE HIRC. THEY APPEAR TO BE MOTIVATED BY CONTINUING RESENTMENT AGAINST THE ILO ANTI-ISRAEL ATTITUDES.

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4. AS SENATOR HUMPHREY PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN THE DEFENSE OF THE ADMINISTRATION DURING THE SENATE-FLOOR DEBATE ON THE FOREIGN AID APPROPRIATIONS IN THE CLOSING DAYS OF THE SESSION PRECEDING THE RECESS, HE DID NOT HAVE THE TIME TO PRESENT HIS PROPOSED LETTER TO MORE THAN A FEW SENATORS. HE IS CONFIDENT THAT GIVEN SOME TIME AFTER THE SENATE RETURNS SEPTEMBER 7 HE WOULD ENLIST THE SUPPORT OF A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF COLLEAGUES. HE HAS THEREFORE WITHDRAWN THE LETTER AND HAS REQUESTED THE WHITE HOUSE TO DEFER THE AUGUST 16 CABINET-LEVEL COMMITTEE MEETING IN ORDER THAT THE COMMITTEE MIGHT HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THIS ASSESSMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES.

5. THERE IS A CONSENSUS AMONG THE INTERESTED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS THAT CURRENT CONGRESSIONAL VIEWS ARE SIGNIFICANT PRIMARILY AS A FACTOR IN PERSUADING THE PRESIDENT: (A) NOT TO MAKE A DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO AT THIS TIME, AND (B) TO PERSUADE MEANY AND SMITH (CHAMBER OF COMMERCE) TO GO ALONG WITH THIS DECISION. CHRISTOPHER

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